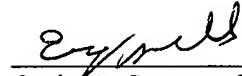


## REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-16 pursuant to the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,137,873 and claims 1-15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,647,105. In order to expedite issuance of a patent based on the above captioned application, a Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed. The Terminal Disclaimer conforms with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(b). The assignee of the above referenced application, U.S. Patent Nos. 6,137,873 and U.S. Patent No. 6,647,105 is SBC Properties, L.P. By filing the Terminal Disclaimer to expedite issuance, Applicants are not admitting that any of the claims of the above referenced application are obvious in light of the claims of this patent.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and seeks early allowance thereof. If for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorneys at (312) 321-4200.

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